GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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INCOME EARNED FROM PRIVATE CABLE NETWORK
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The total income earned by the Government from various private cable network organisation in the country;

(b) whether the Government have any monitoring agency to look into and inspect the modus operandi and monthly income of big cable network companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) The cases pertaining to the firms/companies/individuals etc. running Cable TV operations have not been centralised. Moreover, no separate record of income from different categories of business activities is maintained by the Income Tax Department.
(b) The Government have not set up separate agencies to monitor different categories of business activities and their monthly incomes. As per income tax return, the assessee is required to declare the annual income only.
(c) Not applicable in view of (b) above.
(d) Whenever any instance of suppression of income or avoidance of tax by any person (including Cable TV operators) comes to the knowledge of the Government, appropriate action as provided in the law is taken to prevent loss of revenue to the Government.
(e) No corrective steps are required to be taken.